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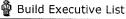
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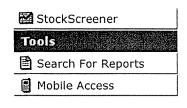
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Via Fax (952-887-7291) and Federal Express

Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,047,530 granted April 11, 2000 and entitled "Gang-Type Rotary Lawnmower" assigned to Textron Inc. 4174 0008 1674 TOCO

Dear Sir:

We represent the Turf Care Group of Textron Inc. in intellectual property matters. Textron is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,047,530 identified above. I am sending a copy of this patent to you for your reference by Federal Express with the original of this letter.

We have been advised that your company is contemplating the manufacture of and/or may be starting to make and sell or at least offer for sale a riding mower with multiple rotary cutting heads that includes the key features of Textron's patented mower. Specifically, the Toro® Groundsmaster® 3500-D riding mowers certainly seem to be covered by one or more claims of Patent No. 6.047.530.

Textron's Turf Care Group is willing to discuss an amicable resolution to this matter. However, given the importance of this matter. Textron requires a prompt response. Therefore, Textron looks forward to hearing from Toro or its attorneys no later than Friday, September 15, 2000. You or one of your officers may contact Mr. Thomas G. Stuart, Vice-President of Engineering at Textron Turf Care to discuss this situation. He can be reached at his office in Racine, Wisconsin. His direct dial line is 262-635-1118. Or you may have your attorney contact me directly at my direct dial line, which is 248-641-1235. We will await your call on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.

Robert S. Nolan

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Enclosure: U.S. Patent No. 6,047,530

CC:

Mr. Thomas G. Stuart (via fax)

Textron Legal Dept. David P. Utykanski, Esq.

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[54]	GANG-TYPE ROTARY LAWN MOWER
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[73]	Assignos: Textres, Inc., Providence, R.I.
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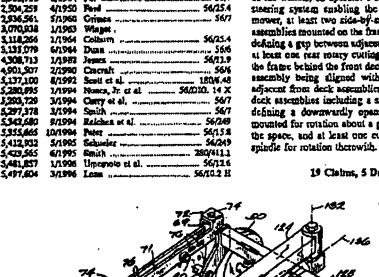
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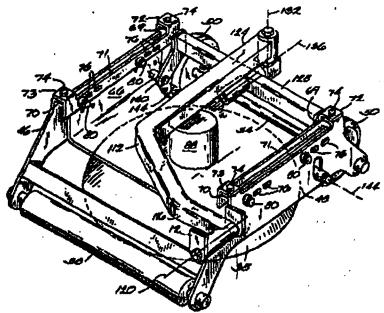
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ABSTRACT

Ageng-type rotary lawn mower including a frame supported by wheels for movement over the ground, a power source which is mounted on the frame and which drives at least two of the wheels, su operator's scat mounted on the frame, a steering system enabling the operator to steer the lawn mover, at least two side-by-side front rotary cutting deck assemblies mounted on the frame, the front deck assemblies defining a gap between adjacent from deck assemblies, and at loast one year totary civiling dock assembly meanted on the frame behind the front deck assemblics, each mar deck essembly being aligned with a respective gap between adjacent from deck assemblies, each of the from and rear deck assemblies including a single-spindle ambiling dock defining a downwardly opening space, a single spindle mounted for rotation about a generally vertical axis within the space, and at least one cutting blade mounted on the

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Timothy A. Ford Group Vice President

August 1, 2003

Mr. Jim Berkeley Director of Product Safety Textron 11524 Wilmar Blvd. Charlotte NC 28273

Re: Textron's Rear Roller Patents

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are the materials you requested, along with a memo from Toro's in-house attorney (Larry Buckley) to me. As you'll see toward the end of Larry's memo, he might have a few more documents for you early next week. I've asked Larry to send any such documents to you directly, as I will be out of the office on vacation starting today and returning August 18th. Thanks again for your patience.

Kind Regards,

Tim Ford

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To: Tim Ford

From: Larry Buckley

Jany Brilley Re: Textron Rear Roller Patents

Date: 7/31/03

This is in response to your request for the "prior art" we have that proves out the invalidity of the Textron Rear Roller Patents.

I previously provided the Lesco statements, personally taken by me, but given their importance I've enclosed them again (labeled Exhibit 1). They show that Lesco had a 5-plex rotary mower, including single-spindled, full-width rear-rollered decks, at the 1990 GCSAA Show. While it is true that I have had difficulty documenting this mower, in my opinion a court would be persuaded by the consistency of the Lesco statements, coupled with the fact that the Lesco representatives are "disinterested" and thus credible in a legal setting. If this matter were to be litigated, I'm confident we could uncover documentation of the Lesco mower; right now, however, Lesco is understandably hesitant to put a lot of effort into locating prints, etc., of the mower.

I've also enclosed a photocopy of a Nunes product brochure, labeled Exhibit 2. This brochure shows that a gang of single-spindled mowers is old in the art. Now, it may very well be that Textron submitted something like this reference to the U.S. Patent Office during the processing of their patent application(s), but the fact remains that this sort of mower preceded Textron's development work. Also, importantly, Toro personnel have told me that such mowers were definitely used to mow golf course rough, years prior to Textron's filing date, contrary to the assertion of Mr. Bednar, Textron's inventor, in his "Rule 132" Affidavit (submitted to the Patent Office by Textron's attorney to convince the Examiner to grant the patent). Finally, I recall hearing that Nunes tried rear rollers on its single-spindled decks well prior to Textron's filing date, but I can't find anything in my file to substantiate this claim.

The Stuchl patent (U.S. Patent 4,304,086, labeled Exhibit 3) shows a ganged rotary mower with a full-width rear roller supporting each deck. While the illustrated decks are multi-spindled, those skilled in the art would surely appreciate that single-spindled decks could also be used, especially in light of the Nunes device described above.

Finally, I've enclosed multiple brochures (Exhibit 4) and the like from various U.K. companies Roller mowers (rotary mowers with full-width rear rollers) have been used in the U.K. for decades, and we can readily prove that it is common knowledge that such mowers are useful for striping (they call it "banding") and furthermore that such mowers are often used to maintain golf courses, including the rough areas.

Jim Miller, the outside patent attorney I've had working on this, has additional references at his office. I'm meeting with Jim on Monday, August 4, and can supplement the references cited above if need be.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. My extension is x8909.

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To: Tim Ford

From: Larry Buckley

Date: 3/28/03

Re: Textron Patents on Rear Rollers

Tim, attached is some additional information on the LESCO mower that they showed at the 1990 Golf Show. The information is as follows:

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- 1. Photograph of sample LESCO 500 reel mower, the tractor of which was used to construct the LESCO 5-plex rotary with full-width rear rollers, that was shown at the 1990 Show.
- 2. Summary of information from Pete Thompson, LESCO National Service Manager in 1990.
- 3. Summary of information from Fred Eberlein, former LESCO employee in 1990.
- 4. Summary of information from Steve Vincent, LESCO salesman in 1990.
- 5. Summary of information from James Seigfreid, LESCO's Vice President of Equipment Division in 1990.

Pete Thompson is going to dig through LESCO's archives to see if there are photographs, etc. of the 5-plex rotary with full-width rear rollers; and if so he said he would send copies to me; upon receipt I will in turn copy you.

Finally, please note that we have additional prior art, some of which has already been provided to Textron, which would be used to supplement the LESCO information, if need be.

Larry Buckley

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November 3, 2000

Cover letter sent by facsimile: (248) 641-0270; original with enclosure sent by mail

Robert S. Nolan, Esq. Hamess, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C. 5445 Corporate Drive Troy, MI 48098

Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,047,530

Dear Bob:

This is in response to your recent letter regarding the '530 patent. Thank you for your patience.

We've studied the patent and its file wrapper. For the following reasons, among others, we have concluded that no valid and enforceable claims cover Toro's Groundsmaster 3500 mower:

- 1) As I'm sure you recognize, the history of prosecution developed very close art. Ultimately, a §132 affidavit was critical to convincing the Examiner to allow claims. The §132 affidavit represented that no one prior to Applicant had recognized the desirability of using, or figured out how to use, gang-type rotary mowers to cut golf course rough. That critical representation was not true. Gang-type rotary mowers have been used to cut golf course rough for many years, dating back to the 80's if not earlier. I'm sure representatives of Textron can confirm the lack of factual basis for the §132 representation, but for your convenience reference is made to the Toro Groundsmaster 580-D and Ransomes HR-5111 mowers.
- 2) Although the Patent Office Examiner was not so advised, vehicle-mounted rotary cutting decks with rear rollers are old. For example, see the enclosed Steiner brochure (dated 1997 but showing mowers of a type manufactured for years).

I can assure you that Toro is very respectful of Textron's intellectual property. We do not take our competitors' patents lightly. But in this particular case, it is abundantly clear that the '530 patent was issued with overly broad claims.

Because of the results of our investigation and this letter, we assume the matter is closed. However, if you think significant issues remain, kindly direct future communications to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

R. Lawrence Buckley Division Counsel

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Enclosure

Steiner brochure